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SUBJECT: DESOTO PATROL RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (U)

REFERENCES: A. CINCPAC DTG 032353Z (NOTAL)

B. JCS 7681 DTG 022349Z

C. JCS 7680 DTG 021725Z

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1. FOLLOWING ARE ACTIONS REQUIRED AND RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR DESOTO PATROL IN THE GULF OF TONKIN:

A. MOVE THE CONSTELLATION INTO THE AREA OF SOUTH VIETNAM, EXACT LOCATION AT YOUR DISCRETION.

B. CLOSEST APPROACH TO THE NORTH VIETNAM COASTLINE

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FOR THE DESOTO PATROL WILL BE 11 NAUTICAL MILES.

C. IN THE EVENT OF HOSTILE ATTACK AGAINST OUR FORCES, AIRCRAFT ONLY ARE AUTHORIZED TO PURSUE AND ATTACK THE HOSTILE FORCES UP TO THE 3 NAUTICAL MILE LIMIT OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COASTLINE. GP3

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